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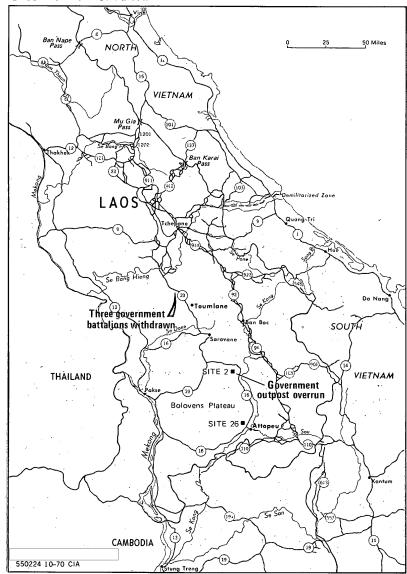
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LAOS

Communist forces in the panhandle are keeping pressure on government units operating against their supply lines. On 11 October, North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao troops overran a small outpost on the northeastern edge of the Bolovens Plateau overlooking Route 16. Farther south on the plateau, enemy units continued to probe the defenses around Site 26 near Attopeu, but government forces held their ground.

The government withdrawal from the Toumlane Valley, noted in yesterday's <u>Daily Brief</u>, was not caused by enemy pressure. The units had completed more than a month of successful harassment operations, during which they destroyed enemy supplies and mined about 25 miles of Route 23 in anticipation of increased Communist supply movements during the dry season.

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